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NEW BEAVER TRAP INVENTED
BY GOVERNMENT SCIENTIST

A new trap designed chiefly to capture beavers alive for propagation and restocking purposes, invented by Vernon Bailey of the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, has been patented and dedicated to the people of the United States. It may be manufactured by anyone either for personal use or sale. The trap has been thoroughly tested and found satisfactory in operation.

By following the specifications and directions given in Miscellaneous Circular No. 69-M, just issued by the department, any machinist or practical mechanic should be able to make the trap in small lots at a cost for materials of about \$7, and for shop work about \$3.

The circular also gives detailed instructions as to the operation of the trap. A captive beaver can be carried to camp inside the trap, or in a gunny sack, which can be slipped over the head and body while the animal is still in the trap.

Considerable time and patience are required to prevent frightening or exciting trapped beavers, and all movements should be slow and quiet. Care must be taken at first not to give the animals a chance to use their teeth, but as soon as they get over being frightened they are easily handled.

A copy of the new publication may be obtained free, while the supply lasts, by writing to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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